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News Release

Limited Flu Vaccine Availability

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Today, Central District Health Department received 10% (1,000 doses) of its allotted October flu vaccine shipment. We have not been given an expected date of delivery from our supplier for the remaining 9,000 doses.

Vaccine is available in Ada County today. The Health Department will be closed on Friday in observance of Veteran's Day. A percentage of this allotment has been reserved for availability in Valley and Elmore counties on Monday, November 13, 2000 and, in Boise County on Thursday, November 16, 2000.

Vaccine will be administered only to high risk individuals on a first come first serve basis.

Persons at High Risk are:

- Adults 65 years of age or older.
- Children 6 months of age or older **that have a serious illness** like lung or kidney disease, anemia or other blood disorders, asthma, heart disease, or immune system problems such as HIV or diabetes, or currently undergoing cancer treatment with drug therapy or radiation.
- Children or teenagers taking aspirin daily (they are susceptible to Reye's syndrome if they become infected with the flu).
- Women 4 to 9 months pregnant.
- Care givers for any of the above groups.

We will keep you informed as more vaccine and information becomes available.

For more information on influenza log on to www.cdhd.org.

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